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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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		5,338,554	8/16/1994	Vogt, et al.				
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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		WO 93/25088	12/23/93	PCT				x
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>								
		Francisco Ruiz-Teran, et al., "Enzymatic Extraction and Transformation of Glucovanillin to Vanillin from Vanilla Green Pods," J. Agric. Chem., Vol. 49, 2001, pp. 5207-5209.						
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